



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)

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We accept T'nG payments:
 Mass Offerings & Donations

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARTFELT THANKS & my sincere gratitude to all who made Jom Ber-Christmas @CDM possible; the organising committee & sub-teams, including all who came out to support and enjoy the fellowship. It was a great time of togetherness while sharing the joy among both old & young. Let's continue to work together to make this 10th Anniversary as a Parish in the coming new year, a fulfilling & meaningful one.

God bless,
 Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap

CDM KAMPUNGKU: DECEMBER 2022 SAVOUR OUR SAVIOUR

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us..." -John 1: 14

As a Franciscan, it has been a customary tradition during this time of Christmas to prepare nativity scenes and ours in the parish, is already set up in the sanctuary. It is on Christmas Eve that the Child will be placed in the manger, and the Magi added at Epiphany. What is striking at the crib is the wise men who are missing. We know that the wise men are nearby, approaching on their journey, searching for the Child that is to be born. On the same path, I believe that each of us has already encountered the Lord, but we are also always looking to meet Him at a deeper level, to know Him. We are in our path searching and moving towards the crib of Jesus. Looking back, the most beautiful thing we can experience in a parish community, one that enhances our strength and our relish, is knowing that as a community, we walk side by side with all who are seeking to meet the Lord in a deeper way despite all our frailties, along with our sins and limitations.

The joy of Christmas lies in the fact that like the Magi who followed the star and found the Child, we too will find Him at the end of our quest. And truthfully, an even greater joy is knowing that He has already been looking for us! Every time we encounter Him, we visit Him as a friend who has preceded us in the effort. The dialogue that Jesus seeks with us in our communal celebrations allows us to feel worthwhile in the eyes of God.

It makes me reflect if the Lord seeks me out and goes before me to meet me, then He does so not only for me, but for each and every one of us.

Though the journey brings me assurance that I am favoured, beloved by God, it also provides for me an "address" where I can try to meet Him on a deeper level. It is the "address" also where I should do likewise with everyone as much as I am able. It is precisely in the littleness of the Child that the Lord indicates to us that He is ready to be welcomed. No matter what path one has walked, what titles he has, no matter how great his faith, no matter what faith he is! The Lord comes to meet each human person.

We have just come through a unique year. Despite the disorientation of those initial months, the parish has experienced great moments of God's love and providence. It is a very beautiful experience of life and love for I believe it reflects God's style of approaching us, thereby renewing our lives. There is also much enthusiasm here in the parish as we step forward in our different acts of service in the ministries. We shall continue along this path.

So, my wish is for each of you to continue along your path in search of the Lord. We must realize that the Lord never stops but continues to draw near to us as a community to encounter us and that by welcoming the Lord who precedes us, our hearts may also open to look upon and to encounter our sisters and brothers in the same way.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

- Fr. Michael Raymond OFM Cap

MASS & PRAYER TIMES DAY DESCRIPTION

Live Streaming of Weekday Masses on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/cdmmsgarag/>

DM Chaplet 9.00am SUN
 Mass 9.30am 25 Dec
 Nativity of the Lord
 Is 52: 7-10
 Hebr 1: 1-6;
 Jn 1: 1-18 or
 (Jn 1: 1-5, 9-14)

No Mass MON 26 Dec
 St Stephen,
 The first martyr

No Mass TUE 27 Dec
 St John,
 Apostle & Evangelist

No Mass WED 28 Dec
 Holy Innocents,
 Martyrs

No Mass THU 29 Dec
 St Thomas Becket,
 Bishop & Martyr

DM Chaplet 8.00pm FRI 30 Dec
 Mass 8.30pm
 The Holy Family of
 Jesus, Mary and
 Joseph

Rosary 9.30pm SAT 31 Dec
 Mass 10.00pm

Rosary 9.00am SUN 01 Jan
 Mass 9.30am

The Holy Family of
 Jesus, Mary and
 Joseph

Solemnity of Mary,
 The Holy Mother of
 God
 Num 6: 22-27
 Gal 4: 4-7
 Lk 2: 16-21

--- Parish Office closed ---



Parish Office Hours

Please take note that the
 Parish Office will be closed on
 Mon, 26 Dec to Thur 29 Dec
 Sun, 1 Jan 2023 & Mon, 2 Jan 2023

Mass Intentions can be emailed to
masscdmsgara@gmail.com



Wedding Banns: Sat, 7 Jan 2023 (Wedding Mass)

Pragasam Alexis & Nichelle Carmel

God of Love & Mercy, grant this couple the joy of heart & reverence of spirit as they prepare, in shared holiness, for their Sacrament of Matrimony.

If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest.

BEC Leaders Meeting: Tue, 3 Jan 2023 at 8.30pm

BEC Day: Fri, 20 Jan 2023 at 8.30pm

Basic Ecclesial Community is understood as an area-based grouping of about 10-20 families, where there is a sense of belonging, faith sharing, life witnessing and service in love & hope.

Holy Hour-- Fri, 6 Jan at 8.00pm (followed by Mass)

Epiphany of the Lord-- Sat, 7 Jan at 5.30pm (Novena 5.15pm)
 Sun, 8 Jan at 9.00am (Chaplet 8.30am)

Baptism of the Lord-- Mon, 9 Jan at 8.30pm (Chaplet 8.00pm)

DM Asian Apostolate Holy Hour-- Thu, 26 Jan at 8.00pm

Minor Basilica of St Anne, Bukit Mertajam

The Solemn Declaration will be held in conjunction with the Eucharistic celebration feast of the Baptism of the Lord on **Mon, 9 Jan 2023 at 6.00pm.**

Watch the live-stream on the official YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/BasilicaofStAnneBM>

PONGGAL 2023 deanery celebrations will be organized by the Penang Island Tamil Apostolate with cultural games & activities.

Church of St. Francis Xavier - **Sat, 14 Jan 2023 (3pm onwards)**
 Cathedral of the Holy Spirit - **Sun, 15 Jan 2023**
 3pm onwards, 5.30pm Mass

COMMISSIONING & RENEWAL OF CATECHISTS will be held on **Sun, 29 Jan 2023** during Catechetical Sunday. If you have a calling to build the faith of your children, do consider joining the Catechesis Ministry as teachers/assistants, or assist with the Parents' Support Group or Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Team. Catechesis Ministry: Ken Lee (012-479 8163) Parents' Support Group: Anna Sim (016-444 2272) CLOW: Edmund Goh (012-563 1674).



PRAYER IS BEING ON TERMS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD, FREQUENTLY CONVERSING IN SECRET WITH HIM -ST TERESA OF AVILA

Prayers & Meditation

Tuesdays-Fridays at 3.00pm

Divine Mercy prayer group -church

Wed, 4 & 18 Jan 2023 at 8.30pm

CDM Charismatic Renewal Group -St. Faustina Hall

English Christian Meditation -3rd floor RCIA rooms

Thu, 5 Jan 2023 at 8.30pm

Chinese Christian Meditation -3rd floor RCIA rooms

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